

It had been built with a few twigs as a foundation, and a thick layer of bark, stripped from the cedars and hemlocks which grow about there in profusion, and the whole structure, which was very bulky, was topped off and thoroughly lined with plant down. It looked not unlike a large edition of a Phæbe's or Wood Pewee's nest, and was one of the best built and most comfortable nests I ever saw.

The birds, of which there were several pairs, were still about Camp, but no other nests could be found. They were very tame, and extremely fond of salt, and could often be found paddling about in the drippings under the cold storage house, or perched on a yellow birch beside it. Often they might be seen walking sedately about on the banks around the Camp, and the males with their beautiful, clear and almost metallic notes spent much of their time singing from the tops of some of the neighboring pines, a song that once heard can never be forgotten.

Mr. Geo. W. Smith, one of the guides at Camp, informs me that during the latter part of May, 1890, as he and another guide were going through some low spruce brush near Brandreth Lake, Hamilton County, they found a Crossbill's nest placed at the height of about five feet against the stem of a low spruce tree. The nest contained four or five young, which immediately fluttered off in different directions upon his putting his hand into it. This nest he tells me was similar in construction to the one above cited, except that it was not quite so bulky.—F. H. KENNARD, *Brookline, Mass.*

Peculiar Nest of a Chipping Sparrow.—Regarding the use of unusual materials in the construction of nests, the following note may be of interest. A nest of *Spizella socialis* was found in Boylston, Mass., June 9, 1890, built entirely of hog's bristles. It was very white and neatly made but being placed in the underpinning of a cider mill in an exposed place, where it was quickly discovered by children, it was abandoned before any eggs were laid.—HELEN A. BALL, *Worcester, Mass.*

Harris's Sparrow in British Columbia.—Mr. Brewster states in the last number of 'The Auk' that the second occurrence of Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia harrisi*) in British Columbia is reported by Mr. Brooks from Chilliwack, B. C. The second occurrence of Harris's Sparrow is reported by me in the January number of 'The Auk' taken by Mr. W. B. Anderson at Comox, B. C., on the 20th of November, 1894. (See Auk, January, p. 76, 1895.) On the first of December I received two more specimens of this bird from the same careful observer who reported having seen others. It is very likely Harris's Sparrow is going to make a home in British Columbia. I am certain Mr. Brewster had not seen my notice when he made the statement but this correction is due Mr. Anderson.—J. FANNIN, *Victoria, B. C.*

The Lark Bunting in South Carolina.—One afternoon in the early part of April I noticed a very plump looking Sparrow while I was walk-